GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2635
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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing laws banning child labour in health hazard-prone industries are not being enforced by States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases initiated against employers engaging child labour in violation of existing laws for the year 2003-04, State-wise;

(d) whether puffed-rice factories around Davanagere in Karnataka have been engaging child labour in violation of laws; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. All the States are implementing the labour laws banning child labour.

(c): A Statement is enclosed.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children below 14 years of age in any of the 70 hazardous occupations/processes, as contained in Part A & B of the Schedule of the Act (Section 3). The manufacturing of puffed rice is not included as hazardous processes under the Act. The puffed rice factories mostly employ less than 20 workers and hence also do not fall under the purview of the Factories Act, 1948.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2635 for answer on 21.3.2005 regarding Child Labour

NUMBER OF CASES INITIATED AGAINST EMPLOYERS ENGAGING CHILD LABOUR IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS DURING 2003-04

Sl.No.	Name of State/ U.T.	Number of cases initiated against employers engaging child labour in violation of existing laws
1	Andhra Pradesh	4870
2	Andman & Nico. U.T.	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	24
4	Assam	0
5	Bihar	354
6	Chandigarh U.T.	0
7	Chhattisgarh	104
8	Dadra & Nagar H. U.T.	0
9	Daman & Diu U.T.	0
10	Delhi U.T.	66
11	Goa	0
12	Gujarat	29
13	Haryana	38
14	Himachal Pradesh	1
15	Jammu & Kashmir	17
16	Jharkhand	76
17	Karnataka	1814
18	Kerala	0
19	Lakshadweep U.T.	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	28

21	Maharashtra	0
22	Manipur	0
23	Meghalaya	0
24	Mizoram	0
25	Nagaland	0
26	Orissa	3
27	Pondicherry U.T.	0
28	Punjab	35
29	Rajasthan	0
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	385
32	Tripura	0
33	Uttar Pradesh	399
34	Uttaranchal	3
35	West Bengal	0
	Total	8246

The figures indicated are of 2002-03, as figures of 2003-04 have not been received from these States.